

REMARKS

Claims 9-14, 16-26, 28, 31-32, 36-52, 54 and 57-58 are pending in this application.

Claims 9, 31, 36 and 57 are independent.

Claims 9-14, 16-26, 28, 31-32, 36-52, 54 and 57-58 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-2, 4 and 6-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,409,860 ("Fickeisen"). To obviate the rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer over Fickeisen is attached.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Attached: Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,409,860 ("Fickeisen")

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